



Taking Your Best Photo: Identity Portrait Tips & Tricks



Tip #1: Get Yourself Done Up

It's important to love the photograph you submit for your Identity Portrait since it will serve as the main reference for your final artwork, so get yourself lookin' good and wear a solid color top for the best results!



Tip #2: Recruit A Photographer

Having someone else take your photograph is typically much easier than taking it on your own. If you must take selfies, tripods and self-timers are a few excellent resources!



Tip #3: Find Good Lighting

Anywhere indoors that has a window or multiple windows is the best place to take your picture. Natural, indirect lighting from the sun is much more flattering than direct lighting from any source - including light bulbs and flash settings.



Tip #4: Use the Best Camera You Have

Whether it's a professional camera or an iPhone 6, use whatever best camera is available to take your photographs. The higher quality photo - the more detail will be evident in your final Identity Portrait.



Tip #5: Photograph the Bust

In art terms, the bust of a person includes the chest, shoulders, and head. Photographing the entire bust ensures your portrait will be centered on your final artwork and that everything will be the right size!



Tip #6: Try Multiple Angles

Try taking photographs of from multiple angles. Appealing angles to try out would include the left and right profiles, a full-on view looking directly at the camera, and an $\frac{3}{4}$ view which is somewhere in between the two.



Tip #7: Leave Your Editing to Us

This is not the time to add a colorful, moody, or vibrant filter to your photo. The more natural it looks, the better it will translate into a realistic drawing.



Tip #8: Have Fun!

None of these tips matter at all if you absolutely hate your experience, so relax, have a few good laughs, and enjoy pampering yourself or your loved one. You need it every once in awhile - after all, it's hard work being awesome :)